MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (1) The statement * required by the member is laid on the table.

(2) (i) to (iii). The answer is in the negative.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : ആലപ്പുഴ–കൊല്ലം റോഡിൽ ഒൻപതും, കൊല്ലം—തിരുവനന്തപുരം റോഡിൽ നാലും വീതം ചെക്കിങ്ങ് സ്റ്റേഷൻ ഉള്ളതായിട്ട് പറയുന്നു. കൊല്ലം–തിരുവനന്തപുരം ലയിനിനെക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ ചെക്കിങ്ങ് സ്റ്റേഷൻ ആലപ്പുഴ–കൊല്ലം ലയിനിൽ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കുന്നതിനു വല്ല പ്രത്യേക കാരണവുമുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ഓരോ ചെക്കിങ്ങ് സ്റ്റേഷനിലും മുരുങ്ങിയ പക്ഷം എത്ര മിനിട്ട് നേരം താമസിക്കണമെന്നു അറിയാമോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Information on that point is not available. It has to be called for.

Delivery of Judgments by Judicial Officers.

252. **MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTOMMAN** (*Pattanamtitta*) : (1) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that the High Court have been considering as a very serious irregularity the habit of some of the subordinate judicial officers of the State in delivering judgments after a fairly long interval since hearing the final argument ; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the High Court have always ruled that such judgments are no judgments in law ?

(2) Will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of appeals and the number of pages of judgments in cases where the judgments were delivered 15 days or more after the final hearing in 1102 and 1103 ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (1) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(2) The Government do not propose to collect the statistics as the time and labour involved in their collection will be out of all proportion to their possible utility.

Class accommodation in Steam and Motor Boats.

253. **MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTOMMAN** (*Pattanamtitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that, in determining the accommodation in most of the steam and motor boats in the State, the officers appointed

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to issue the necessary licenses divide the available room in a boat into third class A, third class B, and third class C, instead of the old first class, second class, and third class;

(*b*) the effect this change has produced on the convenience of the travelling public; and

(*c*) whether the artificial classification into third class A, third class B, and third class C, is not meant to evade the traffic rules promulgated by the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) It is reported that the boat owners themselves classify the accommodation in the manner indicated by the member.

(*b*) It has been brought to the notice of Government that it is causing some inconvenience to passengers.

(*c*) It is a matter of opinion.

Particulars re Suits pending before the Kottayam District Court.

254. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): (*a*) In regard to the original suits which were pending before the Kottayam District Court on the 1st Chingam 1104 and which were filed in 1101, 1102 and 1103, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing—

(i) the number of suits for which adjournments were allowed three, four, five, six, seven and eight times or more, for filing written statements;

(ii) the number of cases in which issues were framed on the same date on which the written statements were filed;

(iii) the number of cases adjourned two, three, and four or more times, for framing issues;

(iv) the number of cases in which issues were not framed even after six months, one year or more, after filing the written statements; and

(v) the number of cases in respect of which evidence had not been adduced though twelve or more adjournments had been granted for that purpose?

(*b*) In regard to original and appeal suits, will they be pleased to state:

(i) the number of cases which were adjourned four, five, six or more times for final hearing; and

(ii) the number of cases in which judgments were not pronounced even after one, two, three or four months after they were finally heard?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) to (v) and (*b*) (i) and (ii) The Government do not propose to collect the statistics as the time and labour involved in their collection will be out of all proportion to their possible utility.

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